



Identity Management

What is it?

Identity Management is a system of procedures, policies and technologies to manage the end-to-end life cycle of electronic credentials. Common capabilities found in Identity Management systems include directory services, access management and identity life-cycle management. Directory services are a means for finding others on the Network. Access management controls access to Network resources. Identity life-cycle management addresses account creation and deletion and access privileges, and helps secure personally identifiable information. Identity Management will utilize DoD Enterprise Identity Services in conjunction with the Defense Manpower Data Center and the Defense Information Systems Agency Identity Synchronization Service.

Why is this important to the Army?

Identity Management enables the right individuals to obtain the right information at the right times for the right reasons. Additionally, as it regulates access to enterprise resources, Identity Management will help the Army meet increasingly rigorous federal regulatory requirements.

What has the Army done?

The Chief Information Officer/G-6 Cyber Directorate Identity Management Division has established an Integrated Project Team, with membership from across the Army, to define Network identity and access requirements; identify and leverage collaborative partnerships within DoD and non-governmental organizations; and develop processes and best business practices for the end-to-end life-cycle management of Network identities and access controls. The Army also has submitted its requirements to DISA for Enterprise Identity Services.

What continued efforts does the Army have planned for the future?

The CIO/G-6 Cyber Directorate Identity Management Division will continue to craft Army identity management policies, processes and technologies in order to create a standard enterprise approach to managing digital identities. Future efforts include development of a plan for retiring the current Enterprise Directory Services Lite and replacing it with the Enterprise Email Global Access List. Additionally, the Defense Management Data Center will become the primary broker for authoritative attributes, and DISA's Identification and Synchronization Service the enabler of an enterprise single sign-on capability.